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Sir:

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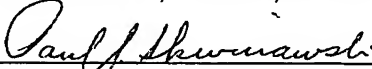
Although the document listed on the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 is not in the English language, the requirement of 37 CFR 1.98 (a) (3) for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied by the attached English language abstract.

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